

**U.S. MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS  
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

**REDUCTION IN SENTENCE  
SPECIAL PROGRESS NOTE**

**HERSL, Daniel**

**Reg. #:** 62926-037; **DOB:** November 5, 1969; **WARD:** S04

**USMCFP admit date:** November 2018

**Predicted release date:** July 2031

**SPN date:** September 22, 2023

This 53-year-old inmate appears eligible for compassionate release consideration for terminal medical condition. A review of the inmate's medical record and current medical conditions was conducted, and summary follows.

He initially resided at this MRC (medical referral center) as work-cadre inmate, not for any medical diagnosis. In **2019** and beyond, complaints of LBP (low back pain) and hip pain led to plain-film, CT, and MR imaging which showed age-appropriate, mild DJD (degenerative joint disease) and DDD (degenerative disc disease).

In **May 2022** BPH (benign prostate hyperplasia) symptoms led to trial of Flomax to improve urination. He had also developed signs/symptoms of left inguinal hernia.

**September** CT of Pelvis was done that showed mild, left inguinal, fat-containing hernia (matching exam and complaint) and mild prostatomegaly. PSA (prostate specific antigen) was checked and was mildly elevated at 8.3, so contract Urologist was consulted. (Contract specifies that each consult should occur within 90 days of request.)

**December** Urologist evaluation included recheck of PSA. Progression from 8 to 25 led to biopsy order. First-available procedure date was February.

**February 2023** needle biopsy confirmed cancer in 12 cores with Gleason score of 8 so CT/Bone-scan was requested. In-house CT showed stable enlarged prostate and inguinal hernia. 1<sup>st</sup>-available bone-scan was April.

**April** Bone-Scan was negative for signs of metastatic disease.

**May** Urology follow-up with (non-operative) Urologist led to new consult with operative partner.

(**June** Colonoscopy for positive colon screen (fecal occult blood test) resulted in benign polypectomy.)

(**June** CT for hernia follow-up was again stable. PT (physical therapy) was consulted for recurrent right sciatica.)

**June** Urology consult included request for Pylarify PET (positron emission tomography) scan with advice for robotic prostatectomy if negative for signs of metastatic disease. 1<sup>st</sup>-available PET scan was August.

**August** Pylarify PET had evidence of metastasis to lymph nodes, liver, both lungs, one rib, and upper sacrum.

**August** Urology follow-up advice was immediate dose of Lupron injection (done in office) and start of Casodex and Oncology consult for metastatic prostate cancer. Surgery was not recommended (and general surgery consult for inguinal hernia evaluation was deferred).

**August** labs also showed dehydrational AKI (acute kidney injury). Mr. Hersl admitted to routine use of Motrin with poor fluid intake. Kidney function began to normalize with cessation of Motrin and improved hydration.

**September** Oncology consult physician indicated that this cancer would likely be terminal, and treatment advice included recommendation to replace Casodex with Apalutamide and consideration of medication to lower future risk for pathological bone fracture, and, finally, Radiation Oncology consult to discuss palliative options for bone pain if/when needed (that consult is presently still pending).

He has no problems with activities of daily living. Current treatment is not likely curative, so treatment is palliative (and marginally life-extending). Average life-expectancy prediction is less than 18 months.

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